

IN THE CLAIMS

1-117 Cancelled

118. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a fluid to an object comprising:

providing a fluid in a container, said fluid to be applied to said object;

providing an applicator tip to apply said fluid to said object, said applicator having an application surface for applying said fluid to said object;

supplying said fluid from said container to said applicator tip through a small diameter tube, said small diameter tube having a diameter from about 1/16 to about 5/16 of an inch, one end of said small diameter tube extending into said container and being in fluid communication with said fluid in said container and other end of said small diameter tube being in contact with said application surface of said applicator tip whereby said fluid is supplied from said container directly to said applicator surface; and

pumping said fluid from said container to said applicator surface by a pump that engages the exterior surface of said small diameter tube whereby said fluid only contacts said container, said small diameter tube, said applicator surface and said object.

119. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 118 in which said small diameter tube can be removed from said container, said pump and said applicator tip during cleaning as said fluid only contacts said small diameter tube as said fluid is supplied from said container to said applicator surface.

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120. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 118 in which said pump engages and constricts said small diameter tube when said fluid is not being pumped whereby said pump acts to restrict the flow of said fluid in said small diameter tube when said fluid is not being pumped.